

In the claims:

1. to 29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) A piece of furniture comprising a work surface including an upper surface and an underside and defining a plane, the work surface supportable at a work level forming a space at the underside of the work surface and a panel positionable in the space at the underside of the work surface, the panel including a curved outer surface and a wall selected to be resistant to passage therethrough of flying debris and a substructure to support the wall, the substructure including a plurality of spaced apart upright members connected below and extending down from the underside of the work surface and positioned to define a side to side concave curvature on a backside opposite the outer surface, at least some of the plurality of upright members formed as multi-walled tubulars each including an outer tube with an inner surface opening to a inner, longitudinal bore, a first tube installed in the inner longitudinal bore of the outer tube, a space formed between the first tube and the inner surface of the outer tube and a shock absorbing filler material in the space.

31. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the panel extends substantially vertically below the underside of the work surface.

32. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the curved outer surface is curved from side to side on the panel.

33. (cancelled)

34. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the wall follows the curved outer surface.

35. (currently amended) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the panel further includes a cushioning layer on the backside.

36. (cancelled).

37. (cancelled).

38. (cancelled).

39. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 37 wherein the wall is supported on the outwardly curved side of panel and outwardly of the frame.

40. (cancelled).

41. (currently amended) The piece of furniture of claim 30 further comprising a reinforcement frame extending along the underside of the work surface to reinforce the work surface and the reinforcement frame is connected to the substructure.

42. (cancelled).

43. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 further comprising a locator operable to emit a positional signal.

44. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the wall includes a flexible, sheet-form, anti-ballistic material.

45. (original) The piece of furniture of claim 30 wherein the wall includes a sheet metal anti-ballistic material.

46. to 51. (cancelled)

52. (new) The piece of furniture of claim 30 further comprising a seam at an interface of the underside of the desk top and the substructure, and a polymer coating adhered to the underside of the desk top and the substructure and extending over and spanning the seam.

53. (new) An under-desktop protection panel comprising:

a substructure selected to act against vertical compression thereof, the substructure including an upper flange, a lower flange defining an base of the protective panel, a plurality of spaced apart upright members connected between the upper flange and the lower flange and positioned to define a side to side concave curvature on a backside of the protection panel, at least some of the plurality of upright members formed as multi-

walled tubulars each including an outer tube with an inner surface opening to a inner, longitudinal bore, a first tube installed in the inner longitudinal bore of the outer tube, a space formed between the first tube and the inner surface of the outer tube and a shock absorbing filler material filling the space.

54. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the first tube includes an inner axial bore and the shock absorbing filter material also fills the inner axial bore.

55. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the shock absorbing material includes sand.

56. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the shock absorbing material includes cement.

57. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the substructure further includes a plate material web connected between adjacent upright members.

58. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the plate material web is positioned adjacent the upper flange.

59. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the plate material web is positioned adjacent the lower flange.

60. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the substructure further includes a gusset secured between the upper flange and an upright member.

61. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the substructure further includes a top plate forming a roof spanning across the side to side concave curvature on the backside.

62. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 wherein the top plate is an extension of the upper flange.

63. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 further comprising a wall of material having anti-ballistic properties supported by the substructure, such that spaces between the plurality of uprights are spanned by the wall of material.

64. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 63 further comprising a front side opposite the backside and wherein the wall of material is positioned against the front side.

65. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 further comprising apertures through the lower flange to allow for fastener connection to a floor.

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67. (new) The under-desktop protection panel of claim 53 further comprising a connection to a support frame for a desktop.